

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-43 are pending in the present application. Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 41, and 42 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 41 is found from original claim 3 and throughout the specification (for example, please see Figure 3). Entry of the amendments and favorable consideration are requested.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner deemed Applicants' arguments against the Restriction Requirement not to be persuasive and made the requirement final based on the conclusion that the device shown in Figure 3 is not a funnel. Applicants respectfully disagree.

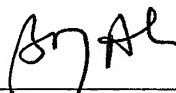
Applicants note that element 135 of Figure 3 is referred to in the specification (see page 9, near the center of the page) as a "clasping funnel" consistent with the common usage of the term "funnel" as "a metal chimney on a ship or an engine, through which smoke comes out," according to the definition of the term in Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English, a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit A. Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Figure 3 contains a funnel. As such, Applicants respectfully request that claims referring to a funnel be examined with the rest of the pending claims.

If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Exhibit A

fundamental [usually pl.] a basic rule or principle; an essential part: *the fundamentals of modern physics.* ♦ *He taught me the fundamentals of the job.*

fun-da-men-tal-ism /ˈfʌndəˈmentəlɪzəm/ *noun* (U)
 1) the practice of following very strictly the basic rules
 and teachings of any religion 2 (in Christianity) the
 "beliefs" that everything that is written in the Bible is
 completely true ► **fun-da-men-tal-ist** /-ɪst/ *noun*: Mus-
 -**lim** **fundamentalists** **fun-da-men-tal-ist** /-ɪst/ *adj.*

fun-da-men-tal-ty /fʌndə'mentl/ *noun* 1-3/51 *adj.*
 sth that is important, completely: The two approaches are **fundamentally** different. • By the 1980s the situation had **changed fundamentally**. • They remained **fundamentally** opposed to the plan. 2-5 used when you are introducing a (simple) and stating sth important about it [SYN] **BASICALLY**: **Fundamentally**, there are two different approaches to the problem. 3-5 used when you are saying what is the most important thing about sb/sth [SYN] **BASICALLY**: She is **fundamentally** a nice person; but she finds it difficult to communicate.

funder *ˈfʌndər* / *noun* a person or an organization that provides money for a particular purpose

funding /'fʌndɪŋ/ *noun* [U] money for a particular purpose; the act of providing money for such a purpose:
There have been large cuts in government funding for scientific research.

fund-raiser *noun* 1 a person who collects money for a charity or an organization 2 a social event or entertainment held in order to collect money for a charity or an organization

funeral /'fʊnərəl/ *noun* a ceremony, usually a religious one, for burying or **CREMATING** (= burning) a dead person: *Hundreds of people attended the funeral.* • *a funeral procession* • *a funeral march* (= a sad piece of music suitable for funerals) **FORM** It's *your* funeral (*informal*) used to tell sb that they, and nobody else, will have to deal with the unpleasant results of their own actions

funeral director *noun* (formal) = UNDERTAKER
funeral parlour (BrE) (AmE=funeral parlor) *noun* (also funeral home AmE, BrE) (AmE also mortuary) *noun* a place where dead people are prepared for being buried or cremated (= burned) and where visitors can see the body
funerary /ˈfʊnərəri/ (AmE=ven-/adj. (only before noun) (formal) *adjective* used at a funeral: *funerary monuments* / *funerary* *noun*

funereal /fu'nɪəriəl; AmE ˈjuː-/ *adj.* (formal) suitable for a funeral: sad: *a funereal atmosphere*

fungi /'fʌŋgi/ *pl.* of or caused by FUNGUS: a *fungi*

in'g'elide /'fʌŋɡɪsɪd; 'fʌŋɡɪ-/ *noun* [C, U] a substance

in-gus /'lʌŋɡəs/ *noun* (pl. fungi) /'fʌŋɡi-; -gʌi: 'fʌndʒai/
1 [C, often pl.] any plant without leaves, flowers or stems

colouring, usually growing on other plants or on decaying matter. MUSHROOMS and MILDEW are both fungi.

210, C). a covering of MOULD or a similar fungus, for example on a plant or wall: *fungus infections* (singular: *fungus infection*) (also *fungus*)

funicular /ˈfʊnɪkjələr/ (also funicular 'railway')
 a railway on a steep slope, with the carriages being
 pulled up and down by a moving cable

noun 1 [U] a type of modern dance music with a strong rhythm 2 (also *disco*) (countable) a place where this music is played

verb [VN] (BrE, informal) to avoid doing sth because you

funky /fʌŋki/, *adj.* (funky-er, funky-est) • (informal) 1 (of

...musical) with a strong rhythm that is easy to dance to.
...funky, disco beat 2 (approving, especially Ayie) fashion-
...able and unusual: She wears really funky clothes. I mean,

stack *AmE, BrE*) a metal chimney, for example on a ship or an engine, through which smoke comes out—picture

verb (-ll, Ame ↓) to move or make sth move through a narrow space, or as if through a funnel; [M] Wind was funnelling through the gorge. o [N] Huge pipes funnel the water down the mountainside. o Barricades funnelled the crowds towards the square. o (figurative) Some \$10 million in aid was funnelled into the country through government agencies.

fun-nies /'fʌnɪz/ *noun* (the funnies) [pl.] (AmE, informal)
the part of a newspaper where there are several comic
strips (= series of drawings that tell a funny story)

un-nilly /'fʌnəli/ *adv.* in a strange way **fun** **funnily**
enough used to show that you expect people to find a
particular fact surprising. **Funnilly enough**, I met her only
yesterday.

funny /'fʌni/ *adj.* (fun-lee, fun-lee-est) :
AMUSING 1 making you laugh; amusing: a funny story

That's the funniest thing I've ever heard. • It's not funny! Someone could have been hurt. • I was really embarrassed, but then I saw the funny side of it. • (ironic) Oh very funny! You expect me to believe that? • What's so funny? she demanded. **HINT** Note that funny, does not mean "enjoyable": The party was great fun. • ~~The party was very funny.~~



to. ◦ That's funny—he was here a moment ago and now he's gone. ◦ The funny thing is it never happened again after that. ◦ The engine's making a very funny noise. ◦ I'm pleased I didn't get that job in a funny sort of way.

SUSPICIOUS/ILLEGAL. 3 (informal) suspicious, and probably illegal or dishonest: I suspect there may be something funny going on. • If there has been any funny business,

WITHOUT RESPECT] 4 (BrE, especially spoken) humorous in a way that shows a lack of respect for sth [EVAL] *He was a bit without respect about his own achievements.*

Don't you get funny with me!

CRAZY 5 (BrE, informal) slightly crazy, not like other

MACHINE 7. (informal) not working as it should: My computer keeps going funny.

elbow bone *noun* [usually sing.] (informal) the part of the elbow containing a very sensitive nerve that is painful if you hit it against sth

run *noun* (especially **BrE**) an event in which people run a long distance, for fun, and to collect money for charity

/fæʊ/ noun 1 [U] the soft, thick mass of hair that grows on the body of some animals 2 [U] the skin of an

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bad	dad	fall	get	hat	cat	man	pen	red

Exhibit A